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Dear Mr. DeNardis:

Thank you for your letter of May 4 on behalf of your constituent, Rev. John Kitagawa, concerning human rights conditions in Argentina and Uruguay.

In general, the human rights situation has greatly improved in Argentina. Disappearances have virtually ceased and there have been no new detentions under state of siege powers. Cases of persons still in detention are being systematically reviewed and prisoners released outright or on a form of parole. Accounting for the disappeared is one of the most difficult human rights problems facing the Argentine Government and one which we hope the Argentines will eventually resolve.

In Uruguay, human rights conditions have shown genuine improvement as evidenced by the UNHRC report. In addition, a UN representative visited prisoners earlier this year and this will soon be followed by a resumption of International Red Cross visits.

We can assure you that we will continue to use our influence directly and in international fora to encourage Argentine and Uruguayan officials to make whatever information they may have available to the families of missing and detained persons.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for
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The Honorable
Lawrence J. DeNardis,
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